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## Ex. 5 - Deliberative Process

**Desk Statement – Late release of scope documents for first 10 chemicals.**

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### BACKGROUND:

On December 19, 2016 EPA announced the first 10 chemicals for risk evaluation under amended TSCA, the Lautenberg Chemical Safety Act. EPA previously indicated we would publish a scope document within six months after initiation of a risk evaluation, or by June 19, 2017. EPA has determined not to publish these scope documents on June 19, but rather to hold them to be released concurrently with the Prioritization and Risk Evaluation process rules, (i.e., the Framework Rules). The Framework Rules are required to be published on June 22, 2017, one year after the statute was signed into law, and lay out the process by which EPA will designate a priority chemical for risk evaluation, and the subsequent risk evaluation process (including scoping). Because

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